

Doctor of Laws, honoris causa

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Diana Margaret Majury

Treasurer, may I present to you and to this Convocation Diana Margaret Majury, B.A., LL.B., LL.M., S.J.D., and request that you confer upon her the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.

Like so many other young idealists of the 1970s, Diana Majury went to law school in order to acquire the tools to change the world. While her idealism may have been tempered with pragmatism, her commitment to social justice has remained unwavering throughout her career.

A professor in the Department of Law at Carleton University, she has written extensively in the area of women's rights, with particular focus on equality, sexual identity, women's health, and disability issues. Recently, she was chosen by the Minister of Health and Long Term Care to create a vision for research in women's health for Ontario, and to implement a Women's Health Institute for the Province.

Diana Majury works tirelessly to support other feminists. She is deeply committed to building and sustaining the feminist community both inside and outside of law. One of the founding mothers of the Women's Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF), she is also an active member of the National Association of Women and Law, and the recipient of the Augusta Stowe-Gullen Medal.

Diana Majury is a source of inspiration for those who follow in her footsteps.

She is deserving of the highest honour this Society can give, and I request you, Sir, to confer upon her the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.